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PATENT

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In re Application of

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COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)

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Sir:

The December 14, 2004 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application included a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement sets forth a single rationale for patentability with respect to all of the allowed claims. Also, the Statement purports to quote a substantial portion of claim 1. First, each of the independent claims is somewhat different, which the Statement overlooks. As different claims, each of the allowed independent claims and, in fact, each of the dependent claims should be patentable on its individual merits. Also, the wording of the claims is already in the record; and since the claim language is definite, it should not be necessary to repeat any portion thereof at this stage of prosecution.

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Furthermore, all of the original claims have been allowed in the first Action on the merits, without any rejection and without any amendment. There have been no remarks regarding scope or patentability attributable to Applicants.

It is respectfully submitted that, under these circumstances, all of the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims and the supporting disclosure, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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